

augmentation ia the temperaments of
 beings—know that,
 O Siiunaka, to be the age of
 Dvaparam (of bipt-d virtue.)
 The age in which untruthfulness, sleep,
 drowsiness (laziness),
 life-killing, grief, delusion, fright,
 misery, and Tamas rage
 rampant in the world—know that to be
 the age of Kali. In
 the Kali-yuga men will be slaves to lust
 and low passions, and
 abusive of one another. Towns and
 villages will be infested
 with thieves and robbers, vilifiers of virtue
 will vilify the Vedas>
 kings will prey upon their subjects, and
 Brahmanas will care-
 only for the pampering of their bellies
 and seek gratifications'
 of their carnal desires. Impure and
 vovvless will be the students
 and youths, Vikshus will contract various
 forms of relation-,
 ship and live with thir relations,
 Tapsvins (ascetics) wilt.
 live in villages, and Nyasins vriil covet
 riches. Diminutive ia
 size, gluttonous, thievish, and rashly in
 their conduct, men
 will walk in the ptath of iniquity,
 servants will desert their
 masters, and T&pasas, (ascetics) will
 renounce their vows,
 S'udras, clad in the garbs of ascetics for
 a living, shall accept
 alms. The people,, dismayed, divested
 of all ornameats, and,
 filthy as the Pish&chas., shall
 renounce all ceremonial ablu-
 tions and propitiations of the gods and
 Atithis, and cease to
 offer oblations and libations of water
 uata their departed
 manes. O Shaunaka, men will be
 S'udras in their lives and
 habit, and shall be under the thumbs of
 their wives. Women,
 mostly unhappy and unlucky, will
 conceive naany children

and will grudge the behests of their lords
by scratching their,
heads. Men under the counsel
of the unsanctimonious
heretics will fall off! from the path of
virtue and renounce the
worship, of Vishnu. The only one great
redeeming feature
in the Rrahmanas of Kaiiyuga is the
fact that they will be/
able to shake off the fetters of re-birth,
by once skigiag the
praise of Krishna. The merit, which is
acquired by medita-
tion in the Satyam Yuga, by
celebrating Religious sacrifice*
in the Tretā, by serving the god in the
Dvapara, may **bat**
acquired in the Kali
Yuga by singing the praise, of